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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

is the Application of

Keiji HASHIMOTO et al.

Group Art Unit: 1745

Application No.: 09/623,023

Examiner: S. N. Tsang-Foster

Filed: October 20, 2000

Docket No.: 107016

For: FUEL CELL AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF SEPARATOR FOR USE  
IN FUEL CELL (as previously amended)

**CONFIRMATION OF TELEPHONE INTERVIEW  
AND LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

During a September 22, 2004 telephone interview, Examiner Tsang-Foster stated that the claims as presented in the July 30, 2004 Amendment are in condition for allowance except for the drawings. In particular, Examiner Tsang-Foster requested formal drawings to replace corrected Figures 1 and 5, as approved. Accordingly, please substitute the attached two sheets of formal drawings depicting Figures 1 and 5 for the corresponding drawings filed with the application. Applicants understand that a Notice of Allowance will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

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